



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

Broadfield Community Centre, Broadfield Barton, Crawley. Reg. Charity no. 1081321

(01444 400521 – Email: fellowship@broadfield.org.uk – Web: www.broadfield.org.uk

NewsFlash!



Sunday 16th July 2017

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion
Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans

*We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today
If you would like to know more about us, please ask one of the leaders*

Tuesday 7.00pm: House Group at Caroline's home
7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline's home

Wednesday 9.30am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall

Friday 2.30pm: Dave Time in the Church Quiet Room
5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall

Next Sunday 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship
9.30am: Prayer meeting
10.00am: Tea and coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Ian Johnson

Thought for the Week — from Caroline

Luke 6:36 "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

I have just watched the six episodes of the BBC Drama, *Broken*. Sean Bean plays the part of Father Michael Kerrigan, a Catholic Priest who wants only to help people but is haunted by his own flawed history. Each episode carries different stories of brokenness and despair but the episodes are linked and Father Kerrigan shows immense compassion and mercy whilst trying his utmost to be a man of complete integrity.

The first episode deals with a single mum struggling on benefits and too proud to use the food banks but she ends up defrauding the state by continuing to claim her dead mother's pension, then there is an episode where a mother has stolen thousands to feed her gambling addiction. In another episode Carl, a homosexual man grieving the death of his mother and who has obvious mental health issues, comes face to face with a prejudiced, proud, judgemental homophobic Catholic "Christian" man. Of course the stories (and there are many more) are much more detailed than that but if you want to watch mercy in action, Father Michael Kerrigan is your man. I was moved by all the stories and in particular his care for his dying mother who had ill-treated him as a child; she says she is sorry for how she treated him and he just loves her as Jesus would.

Father Kerrigan feels that he is an imposter as a priest and should step down because of various failings and mistakes but it ends with his "flock" telling him he is a wonderful priest because that's exactly what he was. I recommend everybody to watch *Broken*.

(On BBC iPlayer until 3rd August, not suitable for children)

Diary Dates

Saturday 29th July–Saturday 5th August: Revive! 2017, "All for One" with Roger and Faith Forster and special guest speakers Stuart Bell, Steve Clifford, Jake Isaac and Ian Christensen. Bookings can still be made at ichthus.org.uk/revive

Friday 20th April–Sunday 22nd April 2018: Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place